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REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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Commissioner for Patents  
Box RCE  
Washington, DC 20231

Application Number	09/592,461
Filing Date	June 9, 2000
First Named Inventor	Novosel et al.
Art Unit	2654
Examiner Name	Smits, Talivaldis Ivars
Attorney Docket Number	RRE-P-00-001

This is Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under 37 CFR1.114

a. ☒ Previously submitted

i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR1.116 previously filed on March 28, 2002.  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief for Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☐ Enclosed

i. ☐ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR1.17(l) required)

b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR1.17(e) is required by 37CFR1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, any additional fees which may be required in connection with this request, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No.: 50-0595

i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 CFR1.17(e)

ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$370.00 as payment for the filing fee of an RCE

c. ☒ Applicant petitions the Assistant Commissioner for a THREE MONTH extension of time so that the period for response is extended to May 28, 2002. A check in the amount of \$405.00 to cover the extension fee is enclosed. (\$460.00 - \$55.00 already paid.)

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY REQUIRED

By:

Brian M. Mattson  
Attorney for Applicant

Reg. No. 35,018

Date:

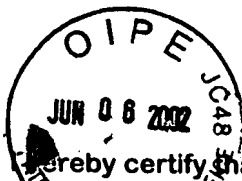
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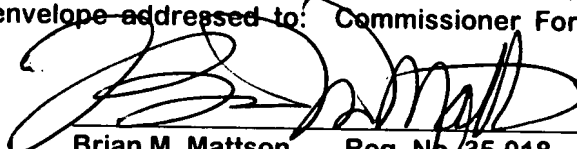
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**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I hereby certify that this Request for Continued Examination (RCE) transmittal (in duplicate), check for \$370.00, a check for \$405.00 and a return receipt postcard are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner For Patents, BOX RCE, Washington, DC 20231 on May 24, 2002.

  
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